

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, fourth paragraph:

[0006] According to a preferred feature of the invention the soot removal agent is encased within the vessel within a settable composition which will harden once being introduced into the vessel and which will be consumed slowly upon the flue cleaner being placed in a fire. According to one embodiment the settable composition comprises a mixture of sawdust and a binding agent. According to a preferred feature of the invention the composition controls and restricts the combustion of the sawdust when the flue cleaner is placed in a fire.

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[0019] The flue cleaner according to the first embodiment as shown at FIGS. 1, 2, and 3 comprises a containment vessel 11 formed by a length of tube 13 which is partially closed at each end. The tube 13 is are formed of mild steel or any other suitable form of metal which is non-combustible and will resist the heat generated by a fire in a stove or fireplace. The interior of the vessel 11 as defined by the interior of the tube 13 ~~[[and the inner face of the flanges 15]]~~ accommodates a soot removal material which in the case of the embodiment comprises a metal ingot 15 which is accommodated within the interior of the vessel 11.

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[0021] In use the flue cleaner according to the embodiment is placed in a stove and/or fireplace either during the building of the fire or while the fire is burning. On being placed into the fire the plugs 21 will be consumed by the fire and the interior of the containment vessel 11 will be heated to cause the melting and subsequent vaporisation of the metal of the metal ingot. On vaporisation the vapours will be permitted to exhaust from the interior of the vessel through openings 17 into the fire and to be carried by the combustion gases into the chimney for the purposes of clearing soot and residue.

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[0022] The flue cleaner according to the second embodiment shown at FIG. 4 comprises a containment vessel 111 formed by a length of tube 113 which is open at each end. Each end of the tube 113 supports an inwardly directed flange 115 at a position spaced short distance inwardly from the open end to provide a central opening 117 at each end. The tube 113 and the flange 115 are formed of mild steel or any other suitable form of metal which is non-combustible and will resist the heat generated by a fire in a stove or fireplace. The interior of the vessel 111 as defined by the interior of the tube 113 and the inner face of the flanges 115 accommodates a soot removal material which in the case of the second embodiment as shown in the drawing comprises fin plate which is formed

into a loose roll to be accommodated within the interior of the vessel 111.

Alternatively the soot removal agent can comprise a metal ingot as described in relation to the first embodiment encased within a mixture of a settable composition being a mixture of sawdust and a binding agent which will harden once being introduced into the vessel. The open end portions of the tube 113 which are axially outward of the flanges 115 are closed by a closure plug 121 which is formed from a mixture comprising a settable composition being a mixture of sawdust and a binding agent which is applied to each end of the tube 113 to close the ends thereof and which will harden to close the ends.